

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES
March 24, 2014

12 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin
Monterey Heights, Franck Avril
Pine Lake, David Golden
Sunnyside, Estelle Smith
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
The Woods, Judy Clarke

Guests Present:

Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
John Farrell, Forest Hill
Lee Hsu, GWPNA
Tim White, GWPNA
Emanuel Jolish, MTT
Gus Guibert, Forest Hill
Carl Wendorf, Forest Hill Ext.
Karen Wood, MPIC
Mathias Mormino, Sup. Norman Yee's office
Dena Aslanian-William, Forest Hill
George Matula, Clarendon (TPIA)
Myrta Matula, Clarendon (TPIA)

8 Associations Absent:

Forest Knolls, Lakeshore Acres, Lakeside Property
Owners, Merced Manor, Mount Sutro Homeowners,
Saint Francis, Sherwood Forest, Twin Peaks

Officers Present:

Matt Chamberlain, President
Roger Ritter, Vice President
Sally Stephens, Secretary
Avrum Shepard, Parliamentarian

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm, there was a quorum (12 of 20).

Minutes: The draft minutes for the February 24, 2014 meeting were approved.

President's Report: Matt Chamberlain notes that the May 2014 meeting conflicts with Memorial Day, so the May meeting will instead be held on Monday, June 2. There will be a second meeting in June, the normal June meeting on June 23. Elections will be held at the June 23 meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact the nominating committee, composed of past Presidents.

There was no Vice President's, Treasurer's, Secretary's or Parliamentarian's Report.

Committee Reports:

Public Health Committee: George Wooding reported that a laptop was stolen from Sutherland Billing Services, who do bookkeeping for the SF Dept. of Public Health. Names and addresses for 55,900 people who had been patients at SF General Hospital or other DPH facilities were stolen. This could put the city at risk of fines from the federal government for the loss of confidential information.

Open Space Committee: Sally Stephens noted that, at its meeting on March 25, 2014, the Board of Supervisors will decide whether to affirm the Planning Department's decision that work to be done on ponds at Sharp Park

does not need a full environmental review. The Planning Department's decision was appealed to the Board by those who want to close the golf course there and convert the area to wetlands.

Transportation Committee: When asked about a Median Project on 19th Avenue, Mathias Mormino, from Sup. Yee's office noted that there is talk of beautifying the median as part of the long-term project to move the M Line from the median (where it is now) to either the west side of 19th Ave or underground. He added that the 26 Teresita MUNI line will keep its current route. There had been talk of stopping service to Forest Knolls and other neighborhoods, but that will not happen.

There was no Planning and Land Use, Technology, or Public Safety Committee reports.

New Business:

Medical Cannabis Dispensaries on Ocean Avenue: Roger Ritter reported that the WTPCC Committee on this issue, composed of himself, Paul Conroy and Dave Bisho, had voted to oppose a third marijuana dispensary on Ocean Avenue. The application has been withdrawn temporarily. Mathias Mormino reported that Supervisor Norman Yee has proposed legislation that would create a buffer zone of 500 feet around dispensaries. This would prevent the third dispensary on Ocean Ave, since it would be located less than 500 feet from one of the two existing dispensaries. Paul Conroy suggested there should be a cap of 2 MCD in an area, in addition to the 500-foot buffer zone. He reported that Planning Dept staff wants to expand green zones (the areas where medical cannabis dispensaries (MCD) are allowed); claiming that this will reduce MCD clustering. They want to decrease the 1000-foot limit between MCDs and schools and recreation facilities to expand green zones. Conroy moved that WTPCC submit a letter he had written about MCDs that asks Planning to revise their recommendations about green zones to add limits between MCD and libraries, any kind of school (preschools, Sunday schools, etc.), and any facility that serves youth. The letter would also suggest Planning look at conflicts between Neighborhood Commercial Districts and MCD, consider a cap on MCDs in any area, and questions the wisdom of reducing the 1000-foot limit between MCD and schools. Dave Bisho seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Use of Public Land as Private Driveway: George Matula, who lives on Clarendon between UC and Twin Peaks Blvd, asked WTPCC to oppose plans by DPW to allow a private home to build a private driveway on public land (the 1400 block of an unimproved section of Stanyan St). Avrum Shepard moved to write a letter opposing the private driveway. Franck Avril seconded. The motion passed.

Secondary Unit Legislation Review and Discussion: Dave Bisho reported on the results of a Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee hearing earlier today on Sup. Chiu's legislation to legalize illegal secondary units. He said that public comment was strongly against the legislation. Sup. Cohen and Kim had strong reservations about the legislation, but voted to move the legislation to the Full Board without recommendation. Sup. Wiener wanted to omit RH-1D with CC&Rs, but Sup. Chiu would not amend it. Matt Chamberlain noted that Sup. Chiu did not say that the legislation would exclude CC&Rs, but he said he would add a paragraph that would say it is not the intent of the legislation to apply to CC&Rs. He suggested that delegates aggressively lobby the Supervisors and the Mayors to get the six votes needed to oppose the legislation. The vote at the Board of Supervisors will be in one week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sally Stephens, Secretary

2014 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Fourth Monday of every month – January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May (TBD because the normal meeting day falls on Memorial Day), June 23 (annual meeting), September 22, October 27, November 24. No

meetings in July, August, and December. *All meetings are at 7:30 pm. Location is the Forest Hill Clubhouse.*

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Balboa Terrace – Forest Hill – Forest Knolls – Golden Gate Heights – Greater West Portal – Ingleside Terraces – Lakeshore Acres – Lakeside Property Owners – Merced Manor – Midtown Terrace – Miraloma Park Improvement Club – Monterey Heights – Mount Sutro Homeowners – Pine Lake Park – St. Francis Homes – Sherwood Forest – Sunnyside – Twin Peaks Improvement Association – Westwood Highlands – The Woods